

Tunis prepares to receive PLO

TUNIS (R) — A special committee chaired by Tunisian Interior Minister Driss Gaiga has been preparing for the past week for the arrival of the first batch of Palestinian fighters from Lebanon. Informal sources said that up to 850 commandos were expected to be accommodated in a camp 100 kilometres north-west of Tunis. Palestinian leaders and their families would be housed in the suburbs of Tunis. The Tunisian authorities had agreed to Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat's wish to come to Tunis, the sources said.

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Soviets speed up work on pipeline

MOSCOW (R) — Soviet planners have speeded up construction of the East-West gas pipeline but some ministries were finding it difficult to meet the challenge, Izvestia said Wednesday. Workers had already completed a 500 kilometre stretch of the 4,500-kilometre project, which will pipe gas from Western Siberia to Western Europe, the government newspaper said. The controversial multi-billion dollar deal has been the target of trade sanctions by the Reagan administration because of martial law in Poland. Izvestia said it had been decided to complete 800 kilometres by the end of the year—a target originally set for 1983. But it quoted a high-level construction official as chastising several ministries, including the construction ministry, which he said "have still not reorganised their work in the spirit of meeting the increased demands."

U.S. congressmen not to face charges of illicit sex

WASHINGTON (R) — Federal officials will drop an investigation into allegations of illicit sex by Congress members because of lack of evidence, Justice Department officials said Wednesday. But the officials said authorities are still looking into allegations of illegal drug dealing in Congress, an issue that has been pending before a federal grand jury. At the same time a separate congressional inquiry into both the sex and drug allegations is going ahead. The investigation of alleged sexual misconduct by members of Congress was prompted by allegations from three former congressional messengers that members had solicited sex from teenage boys. No conclusive evidence was turned up in a preliminary inquiry by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the matter never went to a grand jury, the officials said.

Massive strike threatens Bignone

BUENOS AIRES (R) — President Reynaldo Bignone faced his first challenge from the trade unions Wednesday when a 24-hour strike by bus drivers and railwaymen brought public transport throughout Argentina to a virtual halt. The stoppage, in support of wage demands, was the first major successful strike since the armed forces consolidated their rule shortly after seizing power in 1976. It went ahead after the failure of last-minute negotiations Tuesday night between the bus drivers' union and the labour ministry and despite a decision by moderate train drivers' leaders to call it off.

Iran continues campaign against summit in Baghdad

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — An Iranian special envoy said here Wednesday Iran would support any Asian Muslim country offering itself as an alternative venue for the non-aligned summit due originally to be held in Baghdad next month. The envoy, Hossein Sheikholslam, told reporters Iran opposed holding the summit in Baghdad and was also against holding a pre-conference meeting in the Iraqi capital to decide on a fresh venue. Speaking after a meeting with Malaysian Foreign Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, he said Iran would not object to a pre-conference meeting at the United Nations, Cuba or Algeria. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said last week that Iraq would not insist on holding the summit, but it still wanted a preparatory foreign ministers meeting to be held in Baghdad as scheduled.

St. Helens erupts

SEATTLE (R) — Mount St. Helens volcano, which killed 61 people and destroyed 150 homes two years ago, erupted again Wednesday, but the U.S. Geological Survey reported no damage. Earthquakes have been recorded in the area during the past week and an area of 280 kilometres around the 2,950-metre mountain has been evacuated.

Lebanese left, Muslims united against Gemayel's bid to replace Sarkis

BEIRUT (R) — Lebanon's leftists moved Wednesday to head off the election of a rightist militia commander to replace President Elias Sarkis, whose six-year term ends on Sept. 23.

Right-wing militia commander Bashir Gemayel, the only declared candidate, gained a head start when former President Camille Chamoun pledged his parliamentary bloc would vote for him.

Mr. Chamoun's choice upset the Muslim and leftist communities, which regard Mr. Gemayel, 34, as a partisan candidate blessed by the Israeli occupation of Lebanon.

Muslim leaders met at the home of former Prime Minister Saeb Salam in besieged west Beirut and later announced they would boycott any session of parliament until a compromise candidate emerged.

Mr. Salam raised the prospect of renewed civil war Tuesday when he told reporters the consequences would be disastrous if the Muslim population felt it was being bullied into accepting a president opposed to its interests.

Parliamentary process

But Mr. Salam failed to persuade Mr. Chamoun to suggest an alternative to Mr. Gemayel who, Falangist Party sources said, already had the backing of 49 out of the 92 parliamentary deputies.

Mr. Chamoun is president of the right-wing mainly Christian alliance known as the Lebanese Front, of which the Falangist Party is the senior partner.

According to Parliament spe-

aker Kamel Al Asaad, a presidential candidate will need 62 votes to win on a first ballot and only 47 on a second ballot.

Political sources said the leftist bloc was hoping to disrupt Thursday's session by preventing a quorum of 62 deputies.

The meeting at Mr. Salam's house brought together the Sunni Muslim leaders of west Beirut and the southern town of Sidon, Druze leader Walid Jumblatt and Nabih Berri, leader of the powerful Shi'ite Muslim paramilitary organisation Amal.

It was not immediately clear how many deputies the group could muster to its cause.

In a statement the Muslim leaders said they refused to attend any session of parliament until they were given more time to find a president acceptable to all the country's religious groups.

Rightist politicians insist the elections must be held yearly to avoid a constitutional vacuum.

Mr. Gemayel led his militiamen against leftists in the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war. His party's open cooperation with Israeli forces in their siege of west Beirut and its publicly stated approval of the Israelis' aims have widened the rift.

Political sources said the anti-Gemayel bloc wanted either a postponement of the elections or an extension of Mr. Sarkis's term by constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds majority in parliament.

The Lebanese army Wednesday moved into positions outside the building, which lies on the Green Line dividing the capital, and Israeli troops and vehicles pulled back some 200 metres.

Israeli cabinet to study final agreement on PLO withdrawal



A Lebanese army soldier Wednesday checks the identity papers of Lebanese civilians as they cross the Green Line dividing east and west Beirut. Israeli forces gave up positions in the area to Lebanese army on Tuesday (A.P. wirephoto)

U.N. studies draft resolutions denouncing 'Israeli aggression'

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. General Assembly Wednesday examined three draft resolutions, each highly critical of Israel's invasion of Lebanon, as an emergency session of the 157-nation body neared a climax.

Nearly 40 countries were listed to speak in what has become a virtual parade of attacks on Israel for its invasion of Lebanon and its violent campaign against Palestinian fighters in besieged west Beirut.

One of the draft proposals, tabled by Qatar, would condemn Israel for not complying with recent Security Council resolutions, and would reaffirm rejection of any plan aimed at resettling the Palestinians "outside their homeland."

Another, submitted by Kuwait, would establish a date in June as "the International Day of Inn-

ocent Children Victims of Aggression." Israel started its invasion on June 6.

The third draft, tabled by 11 nations, proposed that the assembly decide to convene in Paris next year an international conference on the question of Palestine, advancing this from 1984 as was previously proposed.

The broadest-based resolution, sponsored by Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cuba, Cyprus, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Senegal and Yugoslavia, also would set up an international conference, from Aug. 15 to 26, 1983, in Paris.

In addition, the resolution would express alarm over the Middle East situation "resulting from the Israeli aggression against the sovereign state of Lebanon and the Palestinian people..."

U.S., France await request from Lebanon for forces

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and France Wednesday were awaiting a formal request from Lebanon for the dispatch of a multinational military force to oversee the withdrawal of Palestinian fighters from besieged west Beirut.

U.S. State Department spokesman Alan Romberg told reporters no request had arrived yet but said: "I think we are very close."

In Paris, officials said France was awaiting such a request before announcing transport details for the lead contingent of French troops.

Reports from French garrison towns said paratroops based in Corsica and southwest France were due to fly to Cyprus Thursday en route to Beirut.

Two French warships are in Larnaca harbour and Cypriot officials said "we are definitely on standby" to handle transiting French troops.

Lebanese cabinet sources have said the United States and France would each contribute 800 men and Italy 400 men to the multinational force, which would take up position over the two weeks of the Palestinian withdrawal.

Washington officials said the decision to send U.S. troops would be made by President Reagan following an agreement between the United States and Lebanon in which Israel would have to concur.

Khaddam, Fahd confer

BAHRAIN (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam conferred Wednesday with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Press Agency said.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal attended the meeting at the Saudi summer capital of Taif.

It gave no reason for Mr. Khaddam's visit, which followed the visit to Damascus on Sunday by Prince Saud, believed to have been connected with plans for an Arab League summit meeting.

Prince Saud later visited Jordan.

There has been intense diplomatic activity following Israel's invasion of Lebanon on June 6 to reconvene the summit held in Fez, Morocco, in November last year. It was cut short because of disagreement over a Saudi Middle East peace plan.

League Secretary-General Chadi Kibi left Rabat Wednesday after conferring with King Hassan about the Arab foreign ministers and summit conferences to be held in Morocco.

Mr. Kibi also met Foreign Minister Mohamed Boucetta to discuss arrangements for the meetings, due to start on Aug. 28 and Sept. 6 respectively.

UNIFIL mandate extended

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. Security Council Tuesday voted to extend for two months the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), giving it a role in that beleaguered country until next Oct. 19.

The extension was passed by 13 votes to none, with two abstentions, at a three-minute meeting without debate.

The Soviet Union and Poland abstained.

The text of the resolution was negotiated by council President Noel Dorr of Ireland in two consultative sessions.

UNIFIL's current mandate, which had been due to run out on Thursday, was last extended shortly after Israel's June 6 invasion of Lebanon.

Tuesday's vote was a further interim measure, pending a permanent decision on UNIFIL's status, which the council agreed it would "consider fully" before the end of the newly-agreed extension.

In addition to extending the peace-keeping duties of the 11-nation, 7,000-strong force, the council authorised UNIFIL to provide humanitarian assistance in southern Lebanon.

On Monday, U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar had recommended an extension, in a report which stressed that UNIFIL already was deeply involved in such humanitarian duties as providing food, water and medical supplies to Lebanese civilians.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar's report said another UNIFIL task had been destroying or defusing unexploded mines and bombs. This work had been carried out by a French engineer company, one of whose members was fatally wounded while defusing a cluster bomb, he said.

UNIFIL comprises troops from Fiji, France, Ghana, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, The Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal and Sweden.

France outlaws Action Directe

PARIS (R) — The French government Wednesday ordered the formal dissolution of *Action Directe*, a clandestine extremist group that has claimed responsibility for a series of anti-Jewish attacks in Paris.

The cabinet decreed the ban at a meeting following a national television address by President Francois Mitterrand Tuesday night in which he announced new measures to combat terrorism in France and vowed that anti-Jewish attacks would not force him to change French policy in the Middle East.

Presidential spokesman Jacques Attali said *Action Directe*, a leftist-anarchist rebel movement whose members have carried out a series of bombings and shootings since 1979, was being formally banned under a 1936 law against private militias.

About 20 suspected *Action Directe* members have been questioned by police in connection with the attack last week on a Paris restaurant in which six people were killed.

Mr. Attali said the group had links with foreign extremist movements and was organised with the aim of carrying out terrorist acts. Police estimate it has no more than 100 active members.

The main significance of the dissolution order is that membership or any activity connected with the group will become an offence, making it easier for police to lay

Habib plan endorsed by Lebanon

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The Lebanese cabinet Wednesday decided to request an international force to be deployed in Lebanon as part of a Palestinian withdrawal plan which was expected to be endorsed by the Israeli government Thursday.

Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan told reporters after a cabinet meeting: "The cabinet agreed to the plan which we prepared with (U.S. special envoy Philip) Habib for the departure of the Palestinians and to save the capital, Beirut."

Asked whether the cabinet had agreed to request the international force, expected to be made up of troops from the United States, France and Italy, Mr. Wazzan said: "The cabinet has agreed that the request should be made."

"I believe we will be able to start implementing the plan at the end of this week," he added.

Foreign Minister Fuad Butros told reporters he would communicate the Lebanese government's formal request for troops to the ambassadors of the countries involved Thursday.

"I hope that the schedule will be implemented as of Saturday or Sunday," he said.

Mr. Wazzan said the cabinet had made its decision on the understanding that the evacuation plan should be the first step to implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolutions 508 and 509.

These call for Israel's complete withdrawal from those areas it has occupied during its 10-week-old invasion of Lebanon.

Questioned on whether any problems remained with the Habib plan, Mr. Wazzan said: "I don't believe there are any problems. We have removed all the obstacles."

Asked if Israel had agreed to all points of the agreement worked out between Mr. Habib and the Lebanese government, the prime minister replied: "Yes."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Wednesday received the American plan and the Israeli government is expected to end-

orse it Thursday, a senior aide said.

The official, who asked not be identified, said Mr. Begin would study the plan overnight but at first reading it appeared to meet all the government's conditions.

The proposals, drawn up by Mr. Habib, contained a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement to free a captured Israeli pilot and return the bodies of missing soldiers, he said.

Israel had already approved the Habib plan in principle but was insisting on the return of Pilot Aharon Ahiaz, who was taken prisoner after his skyhawk jet was shot down in south Lebanon.

The official said the PLO had agreed to hand Ahiaz over to the Red Cross before Palestinian and Syrian forces pulled out of the devastated Lebanese capital.

Israeli officials had also said that Israel was waiting to hear whether Syrian forces in Beirut would leave with the commandos, as it wanted, or immediately afterwards.

Flare-up

The Israeli army said Wednesday that two Israeli soldiers were killed and four wounded in an overnight ambush in Abadiya, 13 kilometres east of the city.

It added that Israeli and PLO forces exchanged fire with small arms and bazookas in the Bekaa Valley. Two commandos had been killed and three captured when they tried to infiltrate Israeli-controlled territory there.

Israeli troops also killed one commando and captured three others who tried to infiltrate Israeli-controlled territory northeast of Sidon, it added.

The army said it had captured 296 Syrian soldiers since it invaded Lebanon on June 6 and added that Red Cross officials were being allowed to visit them.

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HOME REPORTS

'Caritas' hopes to expand its aid programmes

By Huda A. Khouri
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The "Caritas", a Latin word meaning charity, springs from the Catholic Church and is internationally recognised as an association whose aim is to educate and spread love. It was founded about one century ago and took a concrete shape in Jordan only in 1967 as a result of the six-day war and was granted a permit to pursue its activities in August 1968.

Rev. Moussa Adeli is presently the head of this association in Jordan.

dan. Bishop Salim Sayegh is its president, and Archbishop Saba Wakim the vice-president.

Medical centre

The Caritas has centres in different areas of Jordan. Ashrafieh and Jabal Amman are two examples. In Ashrafieh, there is a medical centre with different clinics, specialist doctors and laboratory technicians. Dr. Randa Attallah is their dentist; she receives around seven patients daily. Dr. Hani Hattar is a specialist surgeon who attends to needy patients at the Caritas' clinic. The laboratory

does not possess up-to-date equipment, but is capable of receiving an average of ten cases, daily.

Blood tests are taken, pressure is checked as well as the temperature. A couple of children were waiting to have an injection and—like so many children in a similar situation—were terrified.

All laboratory tests are available and patients need not worry. Serious cases that need further attention and critical diseases are sent to hospitals for more accurate tests and check-ups. On the whole, the clinics receive around 10,000 patients a year. A pharmacy

is also available and provides different kinds of medicines, as well as powdered milk.

The centre definitely needs a great deal of help and development. With the help of the local contributions and those from abroad, the medical centre may prosper and be able to serve more needy citizens. The need for volunteers is ever present. It is inevitable that such an association should require such people to enable it to function. Efficiency exists, but social understanding and help will enable it to be more so, hopefully in the near future. The 30 or 50 patients who consult the clinic daily are generally poor people and the aim of the Caritas is, essentially, to serve them.

Money is not an obstacle if a patient cannot afford to pay the fee which is half of that of a regular check-up. All patients are treated equally and there is no evidence of discrimination. The Caritas represents love, understanding, trust and all patients are treated irrespective of their social status or religious belief.

Aiding the handicapped

In Jabal Amman, Rev. Moussa Adeli told the Jordan Times about the centre for physically handicapped. The Caritas in itself does not possess such a centre, but greatly contributes to helping the National Society for The Handicapped. And, in fact, the Caritas had offered this society a Toyota van with a mobile platform. In addition, Sister Therese from the Jordanian Caritas takes care of these physically disabled citizens: she takes them for rides, helps them on see-saws, accompanies them to playgrounds. The handicapped from this society are regular students and follow up academic programmes like any other students.

Furthermore, a laboratory dispensary as well as a flower arrangement centre belonging to the Caritas are found in Jabal Amman. Beautiful artificial flower arrangements are made available by the 25 young women who are granted a government diploma at the end of each year. The freshly-graduated students leave the centre with a profession in their hands. They are now able to produce more than 30 artificial flower arrangements. Some return to the centre to assist the new comers, as volunteers; others prefer to work in different associations. Rev. Adeli pointed out that the Caritas association had



A Caritas doctor weighs a child.

sent two girls to Beirut to follow up with an equivalent course. The necessary material, rolls of coloured paper, wire and glue, though usually available, is not always satisfactory as it tends to lack the desired quantity in order to achieve the results aimed at.

During the year, many visitors arrived at this centre to buy or sell, the offered flower arrangements. In addition, an orientation programme is offered to those interested in household activities such as cooking, cleaning, sewing and the like.

Violet Kele, an authority in this field orients about 80 attendants in the different centres at Ajloun, Zarqa and Marka. An inspector visits the centres at least once a month to check on their work. Twenty students attend typing classes also. At the end of the course the students are accepted in different firms as secretaries. Arabic is taught to interested foreign students and, as a matter of fact, two Italian girls came to Jordan for a period of three months to learn the language.

Future plans

Future plans are underway to enable the Caritas spread its activities even further. Madaba is one centre under serious study and the Caritas plans to develop a medical centre there with help of foreign Caritas associations and possible local grants or funds. Funds take the shape of private donations, government subsidies and, on the other hand, medical supplies and significant amounts of money. The Queen Alia fund received a donation from the European Economic Community (EEC) amounting to JD 100,000. This fund from the EEC, through the West German Caritas, was secured by Dr. Franz-Josef Volmer, its director, who is presently in Amman, to the Jordanian Caritas, which is now able to provide the local government with this money. The amount will be expanded over a period of three years in helping the local Caritas.



Patients waiting in a Caritas clinic.



The head of Jordan Caritas Rev. Moussa Adeli.

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Randa Habib's CORNER

Conversation

- Hi, how are you?
- Fine, and you?
- Fine, any news?
- No nothing special, everything is OK
- Great.

The conversation ends here, they stare at each other for some time, smile, and then leave each to mingle with another group and repeat once more:

- Hi, how are you?
- Fine, and you?
- Fine, any news?
- Fine etc...

This is in short the way social receptions are spent. Standing, somehow bothered by too high heels, a tightly fitting dress (funny how one can gain weight in two weeks) a complicated hairdo, these ladies very often listen distractedly to what you are telling them.

Too busy recording who is with who and what is so and so wearing, they talk to you just for the sake of seeming to be doing something. Their eyes roam from one corner of the room to the other resting a while on this group or that but never really looking at you. Should you one day happen to be in the presence of such ladies during a reception, it would be funny to try this conversation and watch the results:

- Hi, how are you?
- Good, and you?
- Fine, any news?
- Great.

My mother-in-law has died, my son is in prison because he wounded his friend and my daughter eloped with the driver.

Of course I am exaggerating but I believe I am not very far from the truth. I bet you that during a reception you can say the most extraordinary nary things in a monotonous voice and nobody would argue.

Development seminar to be held at Chamber of Industry

By Riyad Ahmad

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A two-day development seminar will be held at the Chamber of Industry on Aug. 21 under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma.

Participants, who represent a wide range of professions like engineering, medicine, economy and sociology will meet to discuss major issues of Jordanian development.

The first day session, chaired by Mrs. In'am Al Mufti minister of

social development, includes topics like social defence and the educational system, education and training for women, socio-economic consequences of the demand for medical services and demographic trends in national planning. The second day session chaired by Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, chairman of the Queen Alia Social Welfare Fund includes topics on the consequences of rapid population growth on development and poverty and its effects on development.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Swedes to help solve road problem

AMMAN (Petra) — A three-member Swedish team of specialists arrived here Wednesday to help the Ministry of Public Works in tackling road problems due to incorrect use of asphalt mixtures. A ministry spokesman said studies are under way for introducing pay-load systems designed to lessen damage to roads due to excessive loads on vehicles.

Yugoslavia's ambassador meets Dudin

AMMAN (Petra) — Yugoslavia's Ambassador to Jordan Dusan Zavanik Wednesday called on Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin. They discussed cooperation between Yugoslavia and Jordan in agricultural affairs.

JD 1m in loans to Mafrq farmers

MAFRAQ (Petra) — The Agricultural Credit Corporation's branch here granted farmers in Mafrq District a total of JD 1.04 million since the beginning of this year. It said that the loans were used for the purchase of farm equipment, the construction of poultry farms and the drilling of artesian wells. Last year, the branch granted farmers a total of JD 1.362 million for similar projects.

Archaeological finds made in Al Hasa

AMMAN (Petra) — The Department of Antiquities Wednesday announced the discovery of several archaeological sites in Al Hasa region in southern Jordan dating back to the Old Stone Age, the Nabatean, Roman and Byzantine eras. Department Director Adnan Al Hadidi said the sites contain ancient houses, walls, irrigation canals and agricultural installations. The ancient finds came as a result of excavations conducted by joint Canadian Jordanian archaeological teams, he said. According to Dr. Hadidi the new finds have been photographed and recorded prior to preparing archaeological maps for further excavation.

8702 engineers registered in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The total number of Jordanian engineers registered with the Jordan Engineers Association stood at 8702 until the end of July 1982, according to an association bulletin. The bulletin says the number of civil engineers were 3636, architects 714, electrical engineers 178, mechanical engineers 1560, mining engineers 306, technological engineers 135 and 51 licensed experts in engineering.

Labour education seminar to open

AMMAN (Petra) — A special two week course for supervisors of labour education centres in Arab countries is due to open here on Monday. Participants will hear lectures on labour education, its objectives, labour legislations, social security for labourers and agreements pertaining to the Arab Labour Organisation. At least 40 researchers in labour-related affairs from various Arab states are expected to take part in the course.

Madaba to vaccinate cattle

MADABA (Petra) — The agricultural Department here Wednesday launched a week-long campaign for vaccinating cows in the region against Riemers pest. According to department Director Sami Haddadin all cows in the Madaba District and villages around the town will be vaccinated against the disease.

Jordanian workers prefer Jordan Radio, Television

By a Jordan Times Special Correspondent

AMMAN — The Arabic service of Jordan Television (Channel Three) and Radio Jordan occupy the first place among Jordanian workers in terms of exposure and preference of programmes, according to a study recently conducted on Jordanian workers, their media exposure and attitudes towards some development issues.

The study, conducted by some staff members and students at the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Yarmouk University, shows that 67 per cent of the 600-sample watch Channel Three regularly, while 68 per cent listen to Radio Jordan (Arabic service) on a regular basis.

"Serials and series are the programmes of Jordanian workers (34.4 per cent), while news and news programmes come next with 30.3 per cent of the total sample," the study indicated. The research attributes the high viewing percentage of serials and series to the workers' need for rest and entertainment after a fully working day. On the other hand, the timing of those serials and series fits the favourite viewing times of the workers which happen to come in the middle of JTV peak viewing hours (between 8:00-10:00 p.m.). "It has been noted that the two local programmes (Haret Abu Awwad and Baiti Wa Bainak) have been placed at the top of the scale by the target audience, and this could help us in drawing out any plans related to development and labour education," the study says.

But while exposure to entertainment and news programmes was reported high by the study, it has been indicated that family and labour-oriented programmes broadcast by Jordan Television do not enjoy the same standard of viewing. The study shows that only 4.7 per cent of the sample watch family and labour-related programmes, and according to the study, this low viewing rate is due to the absence of regular periodic programmes dealing with the same subject.

On radio listening, the study shows that the Arabic service of the BBC comes in the second place after Radio Jordan with 10 per cent, and Syrian Radio with 6 per cent.

The study also indicated that news and news programmes are the favourite radio shows among Jordanian workers (42 per cent)

while the Live Transmission programme enjoys 15 per cent of the sample.

The high news listening rate is mainly due to the growing desire among Jordanian workers to know more about events taking place in the region in an updated form.

Unlike programmes broadcast by Jordan Television, family and labour-related, programmes on Radio Jordan are enjoyed by a large audience (12 per cent). But the study considers this percentage relatively low when compared with news programmes Live Transmission and variety shows. The study attributed the high listening rate to family and labour-oriented programmes over Radio Jordan by the target audience to the existence of a regular programme dealing with labour and family related issues.

The study also tackled Jordanian workers' exposure to local and regional newspapers. Which come in third place after television and radio. Of those who read newspapers, 53.5 per cent do it regularly while 14.2 per cent read them intermittently.

Besides the workers' exposure to the Jordanian media, the study also dealt with their attitudes towards some development issues. The study shows that 62.2 per cent of the sample believe that the ideal family would be made of five to six persons. The sample workers have attributed those attitudes to the soaring standard of living, and their desire to have better opportunities to raise and educate their children.

Concerning the usage of birth control methods, the study shows that the majority of the sample are aware of such methods. "Although 34 per cent of the sample have used those methods, this would not be considered as an actual indicator for the decreasing use of birth control methods," the study argues. It says that a large proportion of the sample who are aware of the birth control methods do not use those methods because they are single.

When asked about their income, 22 per cent of the sample expressed satisfaction with their salaries, while 78 per cent did not. Ironically, 69 per cent of the sample said they are happy with their jobs regardless of their salaries.

The study, the first research of its kind in Jordan, has come up with several recommendations calling for the full utilisation of all available mass media channels to propagate social awareness

among the workers through special audio-visual and printed media programmes that would meet most of the worker's needs. The study cites serials, series and news programmes as the most effective tools through which messages can be directed at the labour audience. The study also calls for establishing coordination between the Ministry of Information, Jordan Television and the Ministry of Labour to produce a periodical fixed weekly programme which suits the viewing habits of the workers.

With regard to radio, the study shows that the local Live Transmission programme should be employed in delivering specific messages to the workers since this programme serves as a public service show which enjoys a high listening rate among workers. It also urges for utilising news radio programmes in propagating social development, awareness among the labour circles.

As for the already existing radio labour and family programmes, the study calls for improving those programmes in such a way that they would meet the needs of the audience. The study also calls for utilising more space in the Jordanian newspapers to be confined to news and articles about labour in Jordan.

The study proposes that specialists should continuously appear on radio and TV shows to explain to the target audience the benefits of using birth control methods, and their compatibility with religious teachings.

The study also recommends that documentary programmes on industrial family planning as well as on other labour-related issues should be produced in coordination between the industrial establishments, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Information. These programmes should be shown to workers at their places of work. Similar programmes, particularly on family planning and child care, could be shown at Motherhood and Child Care Centres for the families of the workers.

The study is sponsored by UNESCO with the cooperation and coordination of a standing committee headed by the undersecretary of information and including Dr. Mazen Al Armouti, director of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at Yarmouk University and a representative from the Ministry of Labour. The study is part of a project Population Development Communication Support for Jordan.

Jordanian-Romanian trade agreement to be enforced

AMMAN (Petra) — Copies of an agreement between the Central Bank and the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank have been distributed to all customs posts in Jordan to be put in force immediately.

Under the agreement which aims at facilitating the payments for goods exchanged between the two countries, revenues of Jordanian phosphates sold to Romania will be used to pay for imported Romanian goods.

The circular sent to the customs posts requests that no imported Romanian products should be cleared unless their price have been paid up from the special phosphates account at the Romanian Foreign Trade Bank.

Investment in industry totals JD 12m in first half of 1981

AMMAN (J.T.) — A total of JD 12 million has been invested in industry in the first half of this year, according to a report in Wednesday's local press.

It said that the capital was invested in 81 industrial establishments, mainly for the manufacture of plastic products, pipes, nylon bags, child food, icecream, textiles, tiles, bricks, wooden crates for vegetables and fruits, pre-cast concrete, pre-fabricated homes, aluminium frames for doors and windows, electric cables and wires, detergents, soap and children's nappies.

Jordan to attend social affairs ministers' meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will take part in the meetings of the Arab social affairs ministers executive board which will open in Abu Dhabi early in October.

A report in the local press Wednesday said the board will discuss among other topics the implementation of a joint Arab strategy in social affairs which entails training personnel to serve in countries lacking social activities.

On the board are representatives from Jordan, Tunisia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, North and South Yemens and Mauritania.

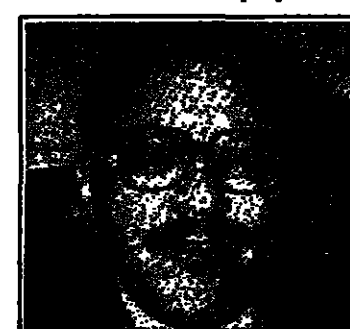
SSC to start distributing housing units next month

AMMAN (Petra) — The Social Security Corporation (SSC) will start distributing housing units of the Prince Talal Ibn Mohammad Housing Estate at Ruseifa and Yajouz in the coming month, SSC Director-General Farhi 'Ubeid announced here Wednesday. He said that a total of 252 units out of 504 will be distributed to labourers of the two regions who had sent in applications in accordance with SSC and Housing Corporation regulations.

The new homes are of two categories: Independent homes and flats each costing JD 7,500 and JD 4,700 respectively. The Housing Corporation will be distributing the rest of the units.

According to Mr. 'Ubeid, SSC has asked the Housing Corporation to conduct a feasibility study for constructing another 1,000 housing units near the first

site to house labourers because basic services exist there. He said the SSC hopes to distribute these 1,000 units of 100 and 83 square metres each to low or medium income labourers employed in Amman, Ruseifa and Zarga. The SSC, intends to invest JD 40 million in this ambitious project.



SSC Director-General Farhi 'Ubeid

Labour unions to review new draft Labour Law

AMMAN (Petra) — The board of the General Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions will review a number of provisions contained in the draft of the new Labour Law at a meeting to be held here Thursday under the chairmanship of Labour Minister Jawad Al Anani.

According to the federation Secretary-General Shaher Al Majali the board will discuss provisions for settling labour disputes, the formation of labour unions and preparation for holding a general Arab labour conference in Amman next March.

Also to be discussed at the meeting will be the construction of a federation headquarters on a plot of land offered to the federation by the government.

50 tonnes of cooking oil spilt on highway in accident

RAMTHA (Petra) — A road tanker carrying 50 tonnes of vegetable cooking fat overturned and blocked the Amman-Damascus highway near Ramtha overnight causing several road accidents. A police spokesman said the cooking fat spilt over a 3000 metre stretch of the highway when the vehicle overturned making the road slippery and causing what the spokesman described as slight accidents and disrupting movement until Wednesday noon when the road, was re-opened for traffic again.

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Police arrest youth gang

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amman Police have announced the capture of a gang of robbers, all young men 17-18 years of age.

A report in Wednesday's issue of Al Ra'i newspaper, quoting a police spokesman, said the four member band had committed several burglaries, mostly in Amman and its surrounding areas.

The gang had broken into stores in Jabal Ashrafiah, Wildat and Kharebet Al Souq, on Amman's southern outskirts, and stole unidentified items of goods.

According to the report the four youths stole a pick-up truck to carry away their loot.

First aid centres to be built on Ghor-Aqaba Highway

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Defence Directorate has approved a bid for the construction of two first-aid centres in Jiza and Beer Madkour on the Ghorah-Saf-Aqaba Road. The project is estimated to cost JD 80,000 and will be devoted to rendering medical aid for emergency cases only, caused by traffic accidents.

Maj.-Gen. Khaled Al Tarawneh, director-in-chief of the Civil Defence said that the construction of the two centres comes within a Civil Defence Directorate plan to expand its services so as to include the various districts of the Kingdom.

Scouts clean up Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — Al Yarmouk Sports Club Wednesday organised a one day cleanliness campaign in Amman. The club's scouts cleaned streets on Jabal Amman, removed rubbish and dug tree beds along the streets of the city.

Early next month Amman Governorate scouts will organise a scout camping at the national park of Dibbin near Jerash.

Nearly 50 scouts will take part in the three-day camp where they will get training in scout activities and will carry out a general cleanliness campaign around in and around the park. The ministry of tourism and antiquities will organise this camp.

Cleanliness campaign starts in Karak Governorate

KARAK (Petra) — Ghor Al Mazra'ah Municipality in Karak Governorate Wednesday began a five-day cleanliness campaign.

The campaign also entails cleaning and repairing all irrigation

canals in the district. Also in the Karak Governorate, a tender has been awarded to a local company for asphaltting 29741 square metres in villages surrounding Karak at the cost of JD 60,560. Twelve villages are involved.

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Do it for America, George

UNITED STATES Secretary of State George Shultz has started consultations with senior members of Congress to help formulate longer term American policies towards the Middle East, with special emphasis on the unresolved Palestine issue. In itself, this process is a surprising advance for the American leadership, which has always been loathe to focus on the Palestine issue from anything other than an Israeli-sanctioned perspective. Now, we are told, Mr. Shultz feels that "the United States must reestablish its position as a friend of the Arab nations as well as Israel, showing that all U.S. eggs are not in the Israeli basket." We are also told that Mr. Shultz is "determined to let Israel know that what happened in recent weeks, including the widespread perception that the United States had been hostage to Israeli policy, could not be repeated."

What a lovely idea. We wish Mr. Shultz the very best in his efforts to formulate a more self-respecting American posture in the Middle East, and we can assure him that every American step in the direction of coherence

will be met by two steps by the Arabs. But, frankly, we are highly sceptical that the American political structure is capable of making the sorts of rational shifts that are being suggested in Washington. If the American political system were more responsive to the real needs of human beings, and less vulnerable to the narrow self-interest of electorally savvy pressure groups, the United States would not have allowed the events of the past ten weeks in Lebanon to have happened as they did. And for the highest echelons of the Washington administration now to talk about not putting all its eggs in the Israeli basket strikes us as trying to treat the patient after it has died.

The fact is, as the last ten weeks have shown, the United States is very much hostage to Israeli policy, and wishing it were not so is not going to change the situation. We've heard this before, and we do not believe it.

We wish Mr. Shultz well and we hope he succeeds in his efforts. His country deserves it, more than anybody else.

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: More Israelis, less freedom

Lebanon, today, witnesses a one-sided attempt by some parties to conduct presidential elections in the turmoil of the Israeli aggression on Lebanon and under the pretext of caring for the Lebanese "legitimacy". Some Lebanese dignitaries like Shiekh Hassa, the shi'ite leader Shiekh Shamsuddin and national leaders Waleed Junblat, Rimon Eddah and Sa'eb Salam expressed their opposition to holding elections under the "shades of the Israeli bayonets", making clear that such gestures are no more in a position to fool Lebanese at any level.

This opposition can easily be justified should there be any real tendency towards maintaining the unity of the Lebanese community or a protest against enabling Israel to have any role in designing policies on behalf of any new Lebanese administration. Otherwise, what explanation can be given for Israel's dispatching a number of its Knesset members to confer with Bashir al

Gemayel, a presidency candidate, and what kind of freedom can be exercised by the Lebanese with the Israeli troops there? It is senseless to say that the pull-back of Israelis by a few metres from the museum's gate can ensure free and meaningful elections of a new Lebanese president.

The only condition under which legitimate and free elections can be held is an Israeli full withdrawal from Lebanon and the prevention of any foreign intervention whether by the Israeli Knesset or the Israeli government. Contrary to that, the conducting of elections under the Israeli occupation of the country will bring about more suffering in the Lebanese community and it can lead to more complicated consequences.

The Lebanese community is facing a major test and it is hoped that it will succeed to confront pressures and prevent the elections from being held in the current circumstances.

Al Dustour: Postponement of elections is an urgent need

In an adverse climate of a state of military and political complexes, the council of representatives in Lebanon will convene a meeting tomorrow (Thursday) to elect a new president for the country.

In such unsuitable circumstances the elections can never serve the national interests of Lebanon because of the Israeli occupation of the country.

Getting rid of the Israeli occupation poses an essential and fundamental need for Lebanon and the Lebanese in order to resume their powers over their own land and, consequently, create positive circumstances for the elections. Otherwise, the elections in the current state will not represent the will of Lebanese nor will it serve the interests of the country.

There is no doubt that Israel will not accept the election of a president who will demand the Israeli pull-out from Lebanon or maintain hostile measures between the two countries. So, Israel favours the completion of the Lebanese

elections while the Israeli domination on Lebanon is in effect and the Beirut siege is still maintained.

We insist that the problem can only be solved by the cooperation of Lebanese and Arabs to end the Israeli occupation of Lebanon and have all its (Israeli) troops retreat from the whole state. This way Lebanese will be able to conduct their free elections, set up a legal national government capable of defending Lebanon and its independence, solve all their internal difficulties and rebuild what was destroyed by the Israelis.

We hope that the Lebanese will reach a formula to postpone the elections until the Israeli occupation is over or to extend the presidency period for Mr. Sarkis until the circumstances have stabilised, away from any foreign intervention.

The intended elections will not put an end to the current problems. Rather, it will increase the difficulties caused by sectarian contentions relying on the fact that Israel will support a certain party against all others.

RED & BLACK

Investigating the inflation rate in 1982

By Jawad Ahmad

THE TOPIC of inflation in Jordan has captured a great deal of attention. Since 1974, when inflation reached 20 per cent, Jordanian policy-makers have been preoccupied with this topic. In the second development conference held in Amman in early 1976, a paper was prepared on inflation. That paper set the tone for future anti-inflationary policies until 1980. It, however, focussed on the monetary aspect of inflation and left the impression that inflation was

only caused by excess-liquidity in the system.

After 1980, it has been realised that inflation was not a monetary phenomenon. It had some roots within the economy, and others which stretched outside the borders. Yet, attention to the internal causes was paid and this was tantamount to the acknowledgement that we are to blame for it too.

The year 1981 witnessed about 11 per cent rise as compared with about 13 per cent in

1980. There are clear-cut signs that the pre-1972 happy days of one-digit inflation are back. There is every reason to believe that inflation would not exceed eight per cent in 1982. Actually there are cautiously optimistic predictions that inflation would come closer to 6.5 per cent.

If the more optimistic prediction was to be the realistic one, then in actual terms Jordan is, for all practical reasons, an inflation free country.

However, for policy-makers this should in no way mean the end of this phenomenon. There are incomes whose rise in the last seven or eight years was below the inflation level. The redistributive effects of negative magnitudes will continue to linger unless certain deliberate measures are taken.

On the other hand, Jordan has adopted certain anti-inflationary measures which would not be suitable for the forthcoming days. For the gov-

ernment to act as the mouth-piece of the people through the Ministry of Supply is certainly not recommended. Free-market forces should be given more liberty to interplay and interact.

Inflation could pose a threat in the future should the lull in the international market end. The current retarded activity will not continue to foster the world market. Once activity picks up, inflation pressures in Jordan may begin to be felt.

GUEST COMMENTARY

By Fayez Tarawneh

Micro reply of a macro nature

IN THE JORDAN TIMES, issued on Thursday-Friday, August 12-13, 1982, Mr. Jawad Ahmad enriched us with very enlightening comments on my article published in this same newspaper on Wednesday July 21, 1982. I totally agree with my dear friend that the title of the article was not my intention or choice. In that article, I was not in search of means to distribute income without causing inequality but I was attempting to explain the importance and complexity of the distributional aspect of development.

In what follows, I would like to give some remarks on the comments, and, at the same time, invite others to respond if possible.

1. The trade-off between development and income distribution is an empirical finding—more than a theoretical doctrine—based on the experience of a considerable number of LDCs who achieved rapid

economic development & growth, yet their distributional problems have increased. However, this trade-off is not infinite. As development proceeds income tends to concentrate in the few hands of entrepreneurs and risk-takers, who pioneer participation in the process of development. But development trickles down and spreads balance through all sectors and regions, inequality starts to decline. As if the relationship between development and inequality takes the shape of an inverted-V and such a relationship has been confirmed on the international cross-section, and time-series, levels.

2. The micro-economic foundation of macro-economics is now well established in the economic literature and models. I fully agree with this and do accept the weakness of the predatory power of such models, especially in this lunatic world of

uncertainty. But the macro models that incorporate numerous micro-economic, as well as non-economic, variables fall short of providing a mathematical interpretation of the distributional aspect with firm theoretical grounds.

Personally, I have never encountered a macro model wherein income inequality has been determined indigenously in that model. Most models consider inequality as either an exogenous or predetermined variable within a system of equations, or analyse it in a single-equation least-square technique to determine the effect of some selective structural variables on the distribution—without attempting to disentangle the causal flows going the other direction. We need a better understanding of some of the underlying causal relationships between the nature of the

growth path followed and the pattern of income distribution that results.

3. To accept the contradictory nature of developmental objectives, with lighter per capita income rates and lower income inequality levels usually occupy the higher list of priorities in LDCs, is to accept the trade-off between these two major objectives—at least in the lower and middle stages of development. In the same paragraph, Mr. Ahmad took for granted the trade-off between the two evils of unemployment and inflation. However, this Phillips curve (of empirical background) has been theoretically challenged by many economists, such as the institutionalists who defend a vertical long-run Phillips curve at a certain level of natural unemployment. Others went still further to argue that an upward sloping Phillips curve is conceivable. I

would like to add in this respect that, with development, inward shifts, rather than movements along the Phillips curve is what is relevant.

4. I still stress on the need for a multidisciplinary analysis of the distributional aspect of development. The variables that shape the patterns of this socio-economic phenomenon are, by no means, strictly economic variables. This recognition by itself requires the need to draw upon the talents and efforts of analysts from a variety of disciplines.

Finally, I apologise for this professional reply on a professional comment, though I will abide to my friend's advice to be more myself and less theoretical. One thing I will not promise and that is to address simpler issues since my ambition and duty always pushes me to participate in raising and solving some of the complexities of our lifetime.

War in Lebanon is certainly a setback for Israel

Following is the text of the interview By Mr. Douglas Hurd, minister of state, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, broadcast on BBC Radio 4 "The world tonight" on 11 August.

Question: What are the principal things you had to say to the Israeli Charge d'Affaires today?

Answer: I asked him to come round because I wanted to go over the ground, explain some of our anxieties, concerns, about what is

still happening in Lebanon and in particular about the continued bombardment by Israeli forces of West Beirut, even though it looks as if the framework of an agreement is emerging. So that was the first point. We also covered relief

anxiety and concern. Question: You say the objectives are very far from clear. Did you sense from the Israeli government that they think the objective simply is to get rid of the PLO, to destroy them as a political and military force?

Answer: But they are not going to be destroyed. They are going to move to Damascus, to Syria, to other Arab countries and I think the historian will find it very odd so many people should have been killed for that purpose. The Palestinian cause. The idea that the Palestinians deserve a homeland, is not going to be destroyed because a number of Palestinians are killed in Lebanon, the problem is going to persist until it's solved.

Question: Did you discover if the Israeli government really is aware and, if it is, does it care that there is

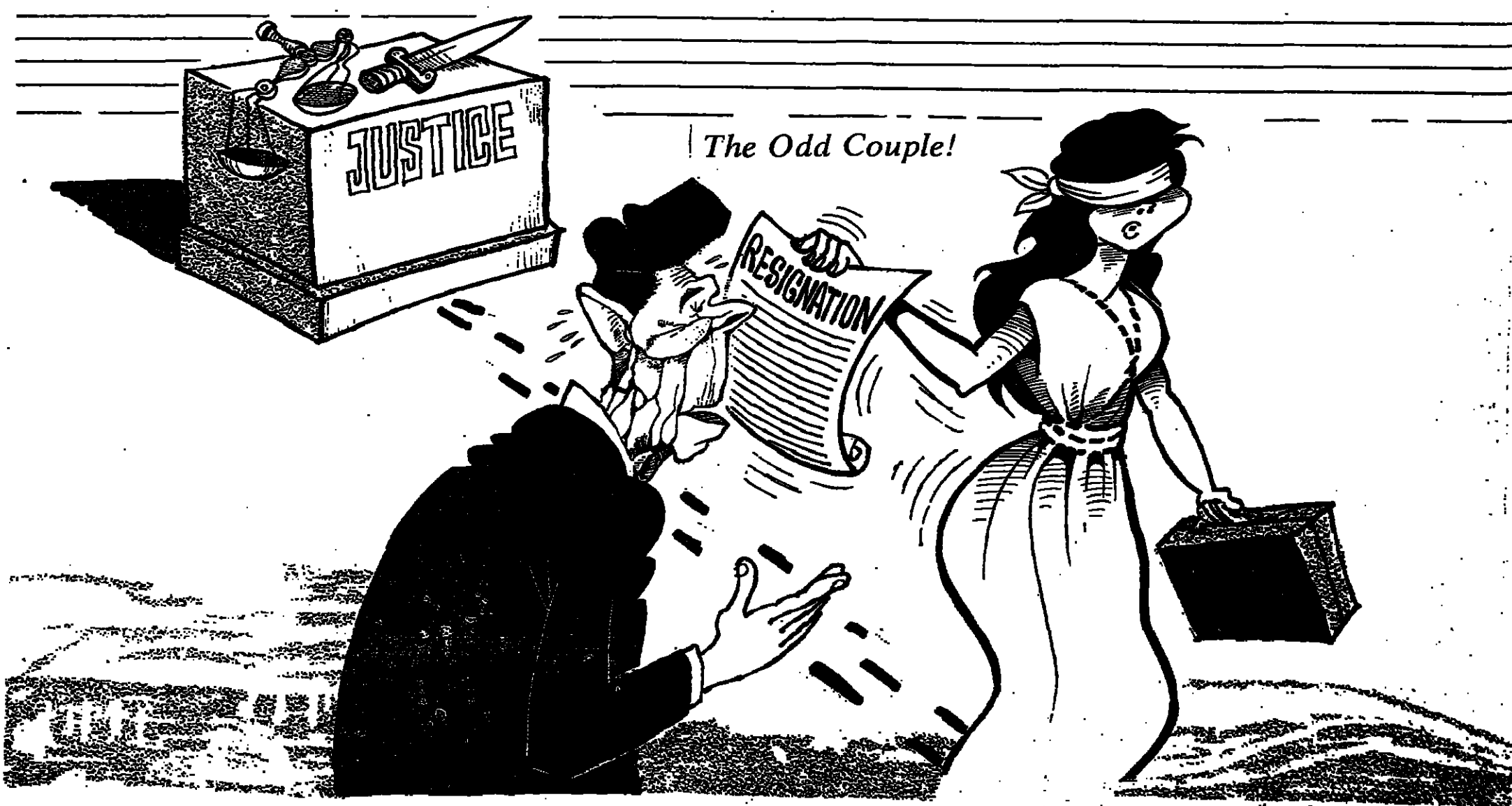
this strong feeling against them? Answer: Israel's a democracy and Israel therefore worries about the opinions of people. I think they must be aware because they have very highly qualified embassy here, of the shift of opinion in this country at the way in which Israel's reputation has been damaged by what has been happening. It certainly comes through in our post bag here that people who normally don't write in on the Middle East at all are now doing so in quite large numbers.

Question: Have you as a government been able either alone or with other European governments to exert any influence on the American government?

Answer: We've supported what Habib is doing. I think that Philip Habib in Beirut has done a marvellous job. I don't know, as of tonight, whether he's succeeded or not, but whether or not it comes off he's done a remarkable job and we've supported him and made that clear. But we've also pointed out to the Americans something which is not within his mandate at all which is that you're not going to settle this matter simply in West Beirut, that the Americans do need to look again at their whole Middle East policy and in particular at the way in which we can solve the Palestinian question, because until that is solved there will be further outbreaks of this kind and Israel will not have security.

Question: The war having been such a long one, and the consequences so tragic, do you see any real possibility though that it may lead to this kind of settlement which you're talking about? Will it increase the prospect of that or set it back?

Answer: Well, it set it back. You only have to look at the position of the Egyptians. I had a talk with the Egyptian Ambassador also this afternoon. They now find themselves in great difficulty, having signed a peace treaty with Israel, having signed the Camp David treaty and yet finding themselves rewarded in this way, by this kind of action which is bound to offend Egyptians as well as all other Arabs. No, it has set it back. It will have set it back on the West Bank where, naturally, people are going to be less, not more, willing to cooperate and negotiate with the Israelis who occupy them. So I think it is certainly a set back, quite apart from the actual suffering and slaughter which has occurred but gradually one has to try and put the pieces together.



Tibetan way of treatment and study of stars

By Richard Pascoe
Reuter

LHASA, Tibet—A potion made from ground tiger bones or the internal organs of an elephant is likely to be prescribed for you if you go to the hospital of traditional Tibetan medicine here with liver or heart disease.

Extract of musk may be used to fight inflammation, and bear's gall bladder might be administered to stop bleeding.

The shaggy-haired yak, whose milk and meat form a major part of the diet of the 1.8 million Tibetans and whose butter fuels the millions of lamps in their Buddhist shrines, also has its medical uses.

Its backbone, properly crushed and mixed with gold dust, is traditionally prescribed to Tibetan women as a contraceptive, though the doctors here admit that it does

not always work.

According to the classics of Tibetan medicine, backbone of mule can have the same effect.

"We have used this form of contraception," said Dr. Gongga Pingchuo, the 77-year-old former monk who is deputy head of the hospital. The Mentsikhang, in Central Lhasa. "But we cannot make it in large quantities because gold is difficult to get."

"Sometimes it works, but at other times it has no effect at all," he added. "Its effectiveness is connected with other things such as diet."

So the hospital sometimes sends patients to Lhasa's Western-style hospital instead where they can obtain more reliable forms of contraception.

Not that family planning is compulsory among China's Tibetan ethnic minority as it is among

the "Han" Chinese majority. Although Yin Fatang, Tibet's Communist Party boss, recently said the region's population growth rate was too high.

The doctors at the Mentsikhang, despite the 1,300-year-old history of Tibetan medicine, are simply aware of their limitations.

Tibetan contribution

But they insist that far from being quacks or religious cranks, they have over the generations evolved combinations of animal, mineral and herbal medicine that are a valuable supplement to the medical science of the outside world.

Tibetan medicine is quite different from traditional Chinese medicine, which has also survived in China proper as a separate entity from modern Western-style

medicine.

With a little help from the Chinese and their sweeping Communist reforms, it has managed to separate from its origins of religious mysticism and superstition.

The doctors are no longer monks. The tantric spells and exorcisms are gone. No more do they teach that twins are sired by an evil spirit and so must be abandoned to die.

The Mentsikhang now has 128 doctors and nurses and has moved into a new Chinese-style concrete building.

But the remedies of Tibetan medicine still include hot steam baths and blood-letting, as once practised in mediaeval Europe. One doctor said the second remedy was used to relieve ailments such as headaches, particularly in the spring.

A concoction including pow-

dered tiger bones was also supposed to cure arthritis, according Dr. Gongga.

"Bear's gall bladder has the function of contracting the blood vessels and stopping bleeding," he added. "It can also be used when a wound festers, but if overused it can have a bad effect on the circulation and hinder urination."

He said common diseases in Lhasa included rheumatism, bronchitis, kidney disease, high blood pressure and stomach illnesses, but they were not necessarily due to high altitude.

The latter, Dr. Gongga said, were largely due to diet since Tibetans liked to eat raw meat and chilies and drank lots of chang, their traditional sweet barley beer.

One factor that has spurred on Tibetan medical know-how is the popular form of funeral ceremony, the celestial or sky burial, in

which the body is carved into small pieces and fed to vultures.

It is generally agreed that this has helped Tibetan doctors in their knowledge of anatomy and their understanding of the causes of death.

Before the Chinese army marched into Lhasa in 1951 on its mission of "peaceful liberation," the Mentsikhang was in a fortress-like observatory on top of a hill overlooking the Potala Palace, seat of the Dalai Lama who fled into India in 1959 after an abortive anti-Chinese rebellion.

Medicine and stars

The reason for this site was that Tibetan medicine is closely connected with the study of the stars. To this day, it still has a department researching into astronomy and astrology.

In the old days its monks also had the job of reading the stars to determine propitious days for various government activities. By rigid custom, they also blew into great horns three times a month and when duststorms obscured the sun.

But with the failure of the anti-Communist uprising and the subsequent communisation of Tibetan society, the hospital was closed and the lamas set to work in the countryside. When it reopened a year earlier, it was as a secular establishment and the more repentant monks returned defrocked, as doctors.

Within five years, the work of the Mentsikhang was again disrupted. It was virtually closed for over a decade during the cultural revolution from 1966-76 and many doctors were again sent to the fields.

Only in the past few years has it been able to start through scientific tests to see how effective are the thousands of traditional remedies laid down in four eighth century Buddhist medical tantras, which list 84,000 diseases grouped into 1,004 different categories.

Asked about the relevance of astronomy and astrology to medicine in the 20th century, Dr. Gongga's answers become obscure.

"The stars and man are closely related," he said. "The division of the year into four seasons is connected with the stars. People wear different clothes in each season and this affects people's health."

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SPORTS

McEnroe struggles to beat fellow American Borowiak

MASON, Ohio (R) — Top seed John McEnroe and second seed Jimmy Connors were both taken to three sets in their first-round matches in the \$300,000 American Tennis Professionals (ATP) Championship here Tuesday night.

John McEnroe had to struggle to beat fellow American Jeff Borowiak 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.

McEnroe, 23, needed one hour and 52 minutes to defeat Borowiak, 32, ranked 61st worldwide. McEnroe, the world's number one player, has not won a tournament since June when he won a small grass court tournament in Manchester, England.

McEnroe lost one serve in the match, in the seventh game of the opening set. In the second set at 4-4 McEnroe began to pick up his serve and volley game. He held at love in the ninth game and then on his third set point broke Borowiak's serve.

In the third set, McEnroe lost

just six points. Borowiak, looking tired from running down McEnroe's accurate volleys and ground strokes, never reached game point.

McEnroe, who will defend his U.S. Open title in two weeks, said: "I don't think my results of the last two months give me the right to claim to be number one. But it took two and a half years for me to get there and I think I still have the opportunity and chance to be number one."

Connors, the Wimbledon champion, beat another American Matt Doyle 6-7, 6-1, 6-0. Connors, who was forced to default from a tournament last Saturday because of a bad back and sore throat, said later he had felt fine throughout the match.

Third seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia beat American Dick Stockton 6-3, 6-4 and 11th seeded American Steve Denton beat Jiri Granat of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Rouse steers Another Sam to victory in Ebor Handicap race

YORK, England (R) — Brian Rouse rode a brilliantly judged race to steer Another Sam to victory in the Ebor Handicap run over one mile and six furlongs here Wednesday.

Rouse kept the 16-1 shot, second behind Protection Racket last year, in the middle of the field for the first mile before moving into a challenging position six furlongs from home.

A furlong and a half out Another Sam looked destined to finish third as Walter Swinburn on Karadar and Alan Mackay on Lusitania battled it out neck and neck towards the line.

But Lusitania, who edged ahead, faded in the run in and had no answer to Another Sam's whirling finish, which took him across the line three lengths clear with Karadar another three-quarters of a length away third.

Lester Figgott and Military Band, the 7-2 favourite, were well placed with two furlongs to go but could find nothing extra in the closing stages.

Another Sam's victory was worth £25,930 (\$44,100) to owner James Norman.

Lusitania, owned by J. Pygott, started at 11-2 while the Aga Khan's Karadar was 15-2.

U.S. Congress asked to resolve dispute over Raiders' move to Los Angeles

By Andrew Nibley

WASHINGTON — The United States Congress is being asked to step into a sticky legal dispute and force a popular American gridiron football team to play for a city it left.

It will not be an easy question to resolve.

Earlier this year Maverick millionaire Al Davis took his highly successful Oakland Raiders down the California coast from Oakland to Los Angeles, a move that set off a wave of public protests and provoked a series of legal actions.

So far, one court has upheld the move. Another has ruled it illegal. The Senate Judiciary Com-

mittee opened hearings this week on legislation that would force the Raiders to return to Oakland.

The issue is laden with emotion. There are few things Americans take as seriously as they do professional football.

"When we have serious problems with the economy, when we have a major tax bill before us, why are grown-up congressmen and senators talking about sports?" California representative Peter Stark asked the committee.

In answer to his own question, he replied: "It (professional football) is as important as the humanities, the arts and the economy."

"This is a delicate matter," said committee chairman Strom Thurmond, who proceeded to make National Football League (NFL) commissioner Pete Rozelle raise his right hand and promise to tell the committee the truth.

There have been U.S. secretaries of state who have not been sworn in before testifying to this committee.

The issue of football teams moving to different cities is complex. Does an owner have a right to pick up his team and move it to another location because he thinks he can make more money?

Or does the owner have a moral obligation to stay in a city if the fans there have been loyal and supported the team financially through the years?

The Raiders sold all their tickets for 12 consecutive years, a record unmatched by any of the 27 other professional American teams.

But Davis apparently felt he could do even better in Los Angeles. The stadium there has 92,600 seats while the Oakland stadium has only 54,000.

The fans are not the only ones upset by the move.

Politicians in Oakland have complained that their city stands to lose \$1.5 million a year if the Raiders are allowed to stay in Los Angeles.

But officials in Los Angeles counter by saying they lost almost as much money a few years ago when their professional football team, the Rams, moved 50 km away to a suburb called Anaheim.

The NFL, of which the Raiders are a member, and Pete Rozelle, the powerful commissioner, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal actions to prevent the Raiders from moving to Los Angeles.

Rozelle told the senate judiciary committee that if the Raiders are not forced to go back to Oakland, owners of teams across the country will think it is all right to pick up and leave in search of a city where they can make more money.

The Raiders sold all their tickets for 12 consecutive years, a record unmatched by any of the 27 other professional American teams.

Edward Garvey, executive director of the Players' Union, told the committee that Rozelle and the NFL are just trying to enhance the anti-monopoly benefits Congress has already given them.

Garvey accused the league and team owners of being money-hungry and secretive.

"We probably know more about the Soviet economy than we do about the NFL's finances," Garvey said.

Rozelle has an important bargaining chip with Congress.

Professional football teams generate millions of dollars for the states and cities they are located in, and many congressmen are hoping their constituencies will win football franchises in the future.

Rozelle told the committee he would like to add two more teams to the NFL in the near future, but quickly added that the league will not expand until the Oakland question is settled.

The football commissioner mentioned the names of eight cities that might be considered for teams.

Ribbeck relieved of his post as assistant to Derwall

BONN (R) — Erich Ribbeck has been relieved of his post as assistant to national team trainer Jupp Derwall and will take over the country's Olympic soccer squad, the West German Football Association (DFB) said Wednesday.

But DFB President Hermann Neuburger denied Ribbeck was leaving because of differences with Derwall about his handling of training and tactics during this summer's World Cup finals in Spain.

Although West Germany reached the final in Madrid, losing 3-1 to Italy, there were frequent

press reports of discontent and unrest in the squad.

Neuburger said Ribbeck's changed role was necessary to prepare the country's amateur team for the 1984 Olympic Games.

Unlike most soccer nations, West Germany carefully grooms its assistant managers to take over the top job. Derwall served as deputy to Helmut Schoen for nine years before taking over after the 1978 World Cup.

Neuburger said Derwall, who is on holiday in Switzerland, would consider his choice for Ribbeck's successor.

Brazil named as possible substitute for staging '86 World Cup finals

LIMA (R) — Brazil should be given priority for hosting the 1986 World Soccer Cup finals if Colombia cannot stage them, South American Soccer Confederation head Teofilo Salinas said here Wednesday.

Colombia has yet to confirm whether it will act as hosts and a final decision will be left to a recently elected congress.

"If Colombia decides against holding the championship we will look for another South American nation with sufficient capacity to stage such a major competition," Salinas added.

He said South American federations will oppose possible moves by countries such as the United States who have expressed an interest in stepping in for Colombia.

Salinas felt Brazil, three times World Champions, should be given priority and he said most other South American federations agreed. He said the confederation will hold a two-day meeting in Lima on August 27-28 to consider the issue.

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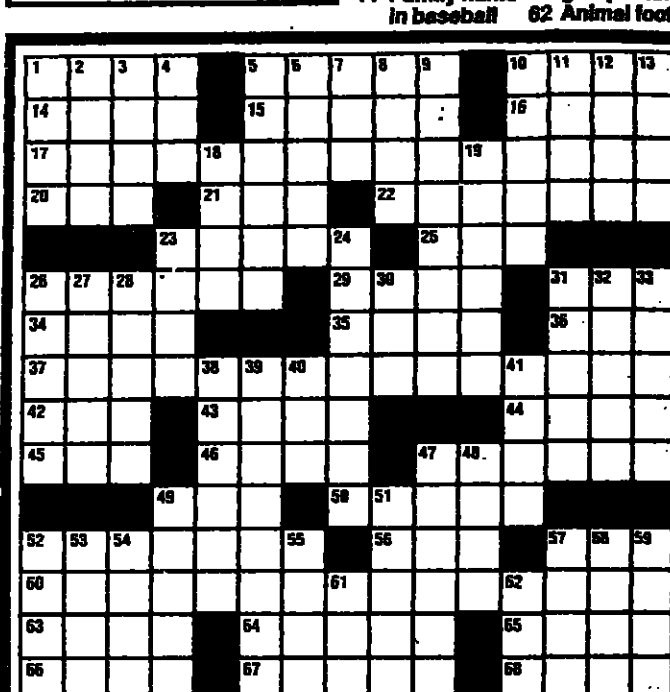
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Shares fly high on Wall Street

LONDON (R) — Wall Street's best one-day rally in history lifted the gloom of recession from world stock markets Wednesday and sent shares and gold prices bounding ahead on hopes that interest rates have finally cracked.

Investors from Sydney to London joined a stampede for shares started in New York Tuesday by the influential economist, Henry Kaufman, who backed away from his long-held pessimistic view that interest rates would rise later this year.

Mr. Kaufman, regarded on Wall Street as a great sage on the vagaries of interest rates, inspired a record one-day rise of 38.81 points to \$31.24 in the Dow Jones industrial average, the key measure of the New York Stock Exchange performance, and this quickly spilled over Wednesday to other major markets.

In Tokyo, the second biggest stock market after New York, prices surged from a two-year low set only Tuesday and the market average recorded its best performance in some six months, rising 126.25 points to 6,990.81 in often frenzied trading.

The scramble for shares swept across markets in Singapore, Hong Kong, Sydney and Melbourne and carried over into Europe when markets opened. The London stock exchange's 30-share index opened 22.4

points higher in its biggest rally in nearly a year. At noon it was up 17.9 points at \$76.1.

The last time the London market saw such a leap from the opening bell was also attributable to an American market guru, Joseph Granville, who last Sept. 28 advised subscribers to his newsletter to sell their shares. The next day prices recovered at a record rate on the London market.

The about-face by Mr. Kaufman, the chief economist for the Wall Street firm of Salomon Brothers, jolted the gold markets.

In London, bullion dealers set the morning gold price at \$352.10 an ounce, nearly \$13 higher than Tuesday's closing level. Gold dealers in Zurich reported heavy trading as money was switched out of interest-paying investments into gold.

On foreign exchange markets, expectations that the dollar would lose some of the attractions of high interest rates caused a fall against other major currencies.

The Japanese yen, which sank to a five-year low of 265.35 to the dollar Tuesday, traded at 260.10 in Tokyo and advanced to 259.50 in London.

In Frankfurt banks paid 2.4740 West German marks for each dollar, down from 2.5050. In Paris, the French franc was quoted at 6.8975 against 6.975 Tuesday, and in Geneva the Swiss franc

jumped to 2.1080 from 2.1450 Tuesday.

The pound sterling rose to \$1.7280 in London from 1.7085, although dealers said a cut in British Bank lending rates to 11 per cent Tuesday left it weaker against other European currencies.

Prices on the London metal exchange climbed on the interest rate prediction as dealers said investors saw it as a sign of renewed confidence in the recovery of the U.S. economy.

Copper prices jumped \$27.50 (\$47.50) to £851 (\$1,470) a tonne on hopes that lower interest rates would revive the U.S. Housing Industry, a major user of metals, after a two-year depression.

U.S. interest rates gave further evidence of decline this week when several major banks reduced to 14 per cent the lending rate charged to their prime corporate customers, the lowest level in nearly two years.

Although the rate has yet to gain general acceptance among American banks, analysts appear convinced that it will take hold and give the economy a lift.

Even investors in Frankfurt shared in the general air of enthusiasm as share prices rebounded from a sharp drop Tuesday on rumours, later denied, that AEG-Telefunken, the troubled electronics firm, might be forced to declare bankruptcy.

OPEC monitoring committee to meet in Vienna

VIENNA (R) — The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) influential market monitoring committee will meet in Vienna on Aug. 20, an OPEC spokesman told Reuters Wednesday.

The committee consists of the oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia and Venezuela, and is chaired by the oil minister of the United Arab Emirates. It was set up by OPEC in March to advise it on the state of the world oil market.

Other countries can send observers to its meetings but the spokesman said that probably no observers would attend this session.

Dramatic surge in Japanese share prices

TOKYO (R) — Japanese investors sent the Tokyo stock market surging ahead Wednesday with the market average making its biggest one-day gain in about six months.

Weakening of the U.S. dollar against the yen in the foreign exchange market here lifted the stock market from the two-year low recorded Tuesday.

In dealing which at times was so frenzied that business in some shares had to be suspended, local investors traded 250 million shares as the market average jumped 126.25 points to close at 6,990.81, a dramatic reversal of a 75-point drop Tuesday.

Brokers said buyers were following the trend in Wall Street overnight, where share prices staged a record one-day gain on confidence that U.S. interest rates would continue to fall.

The weakened yen, which traded at a five-year low of 265.35 against the dollar Tuesday, recovered on the foreign exchange market to 260.10. Dealers said the Bank of Japan promoted the yen's rise by selling dollars to build up momentum.

Reagan struggles for tax bill passage through House, Senate

WASHINGTON (R) — Faced with a revolt by conservative legislators, President Reagan is pressing hard for the passage through House and Senate this week of a controversial \$98.3 billion tax bill.

Mr. Reagan, himself a conservative Republican who said after winning the 1980 election that he did not come to Washington to raise taxes, has been forced to support the record revenue bill in order to reduce growing federal budget deficits.

The proposal to raise the revenues over three years is scheduled for a vote in the House of Representatives Thursday and, if passed, will be sent to the Senate for a vote.

Many conservative Republicans in the House are baulking at the prospect of raising taxes during the current U.S. recession. Taxes are also a touchy issue in a congressional election year.

Mr. Reagan Tuesday again met a group of congressmen at the White House to discuss the bill as he has done in recent weeks. He also sent a letter to Capitol Hill urging its passage.

He said in a televised speech to Americans on Monday night that defeat of the legislation would increase interest and unemployment rates and interfere with recovery from the recession.

Democrat Edward Kennedy, one of the Senate's liberal leaders, Tuesday joined Mr. Reagan in supporting the bill, which would raise revenues chiefly by closing loopholes in tax laws and forcing cheaters to pay up.

"The tax reforms in this legislation include many that I have favoured and fought for over a long period and reverse some of the most serious mistakes of the 1981 Reagan programme," said Mr. Kennedy, a possible contender for his party's nomination for president in 1984.

"We have moved far in the wrong direction in economic policy," he said.

Mr. Reagan said in a letter to a Republican Congressman that the tax bill should be passed.

He also again stressed his oft-repeated threat to veto any government spending bills which are passed by Congress and which he finds unreasonable.

In New York, the prominent business roundtable Tuesday said it had serious reservations about the tax bill, but urged its passage in order to complete work on a new budget.

The roundtable is composed of chief executive officers from 200 major U.S. corporations.

Brussels reduces lending rates to 13%

BRUSSELS (R) — The Belgian National Bank cut its discount rate by half a point to 13 per cent Wednesday, signalling a further reduction in lending rates following the stabilisation of the Belgian franc on currency markets.

The National Bank said that the discount rate, or bank rate, would be set at 13 per cent from Thursday, after being at 13.5 per cent since July 29, when it was also lowered half a point.

The Belgian franc came under speculative pressure earlier this year, but dealers said it had been quiet on currency markets recently.

Wednesday's cut brings the discount rate back to the levels in March and early April, and will be welcomed by hard-pressed Belgian industry, struggling to shake off recession.

Recession hits Shell group badly

LONDON (R) — The European-based Royal Dutch/Shell oil group Wednesday reported that its second-quarter net income dipped 17 per cent as sales of refined products and chemicals continued sluggish in the world recession.

Net income for the quarter was \$380 million (\$657 million) compared with \$458 million (\$792 million) in the April-June period of 1981.

But the group, the world's second-biggest oil company, appeared to have fared better than U.S. rival Exxon, number one in the industry, which came in with a 50 per cent drop in second-quarter profits this year.

Exxon and three other U.S. giants, Texaco, Standard Oil of California, and Mobil, are committed to buying huge volumes of Saudi Arabian crude oil. It used to

be cheaper than the average and they were then the envy of companies like Shell, but in the current glut the Saudis have held to a price of \$34 a barrel while many other crude prices have been trimmed.

Shell said there had been an improvement in the underlying performance of group companies, which operate in more than 100 countries, despite difficult trading conditions. This reflected relatively low reliance on high-cost crude oil.

Shell profits over the first six months of the year were also down on the first half of 1981 at \$794 million (\$1.4 billion) against \$1.01 billion (\$1.75 billion).

The Shell oil company of the United States, in which the group has a 69 per cent stake, reported a seven per cent decline in second-quarter dollar earnings, although a weakening in sterling's value

against the dollar turned this into a share of group net income seven per cent higher than in April-June last year.

Without access to Saudi crude, and having lost contract volumes from some other Gulf sources in recent years, the Shell group has concentrated on finding oil fields of its own around the world.

Second-quarter crude oil output rose to 740,000 barrels daily, from 678,000 in the same period last year, largely reflecting increased output from Shell acreage in the North Sea.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market was firm though equities were mostly below the early highs which followed the record rise on wall street Tuesday night. Dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 20.2 at 578.4 after a rise of 22.4 at 1000.

Government bonds dipped briefly on Bank of England moves in the money market, seen by operators as an attempt to check the rapid fall in interest rates, but still ended around the day's highs, dealers added. Longer dates were up around three points and shorts 1-1/2 points.

Shell ended 6p higher at 394 after seco quarter figures and GEC rose 30p to 1085 in firm electricals.

Blue Circle recovered 12p of recent falls and Glaxo was 7p higher at 760 after 773. ICI and Hawker Siddeley rose 14p and 16p respectively. Gains of 9p to 15p were posted against BICC, BFR, Grand Met, Beecham, Bowater and Plessey.

Unilever, which reported interim figures Tuesday, firmed 20p to 625. Discount houses firmed in sympathy with government bonds, union rising 25p to 508. Banks followed the general trend with Barclays ending 15p higher at 383.

South African gold mines extended gains to as much as 55 as bullion traded just below the \$360 level.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One sterling	1.7285/95	U.S. dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2344/47	Canadian dollars
	2.4735/45	West German marks
	2.7230/50	Dutch guilders
	2.1100/20	Swiss francs
	47.24/27	Belgian francs
	6.8950/9000	French francs
	185.00/75	Italian lire
	259.60/72	Japanese yen
	6.1505/25	Swedish crowns
	6.6600/20	Norwegian crowns
	8.6200/85	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	352.25/353.00	U.S. dollars

Volkswagen to introduce short-timing

BONN (R) — Volkswagen, West Germany's largest car producer, said Wednesday it will introduce short-time working at its car plants for the first time in seven years.

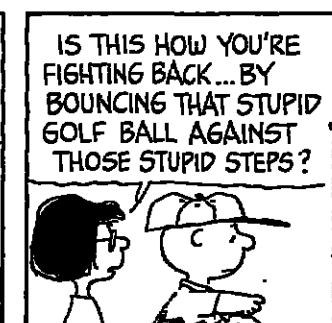
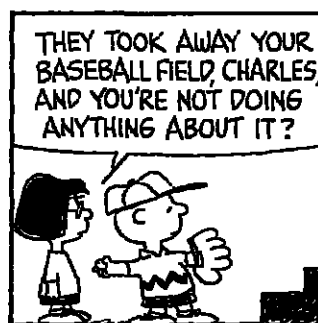
Volkswagen said workers at all its West German factories will go on short hours and all production halted for 10 working days in the two weeks beginning Sept. 27.

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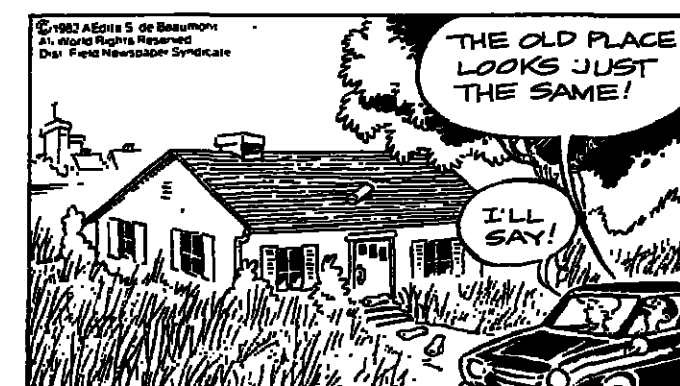
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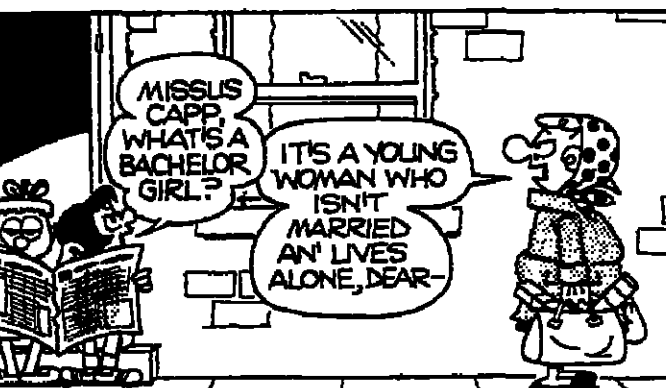
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Mexico starts debt rescheduling talks

MEXICO CITY (R) — Economically-crippled Mexico has begun talks on rescheduling its estimated \$17 billion short-term external debt and negotiated up to \$3.5 billion in foreign aid, Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog said Tuesday night.

Mr. Silva Herzog also confirmed at a press conference that Mexico, which closed foreign exchange dealing last Thursday, had approached the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for financing. But he gave no details about the amount sought and stressed that negotiations with the IMF were at a preliminary stage.

He added: "Any austerity programme would be on Mexico's terms and not those of the fund."

The finance minister also said that foreign exchange dealing would resume in Mexico Thursday.

Mr. Silva Herzog admitted that Mexico, which has a total foreign debt of \$80 billion, was facing grave problems "that will demand sacrifices from all."

He said the initial response from banks about rescheduling debts had been positive and listed a number of aid agreements completed or on the point of completion with foreign countries.

Mexico has received \$1 billion from the U.S. government in advance payment for planned increases in its oil sales to the United States. It currently sells about 800,000 barrels per day.

He also said a \$1.5 billion line of credit from Western central banks was at an advanced stage and that Mexico had received a \$1 billion facility from the U.S. Commodity Credit Corporation.

He said details about the reopening of the exchange markets would be given Wednesday but that a type of triple rate would be introduced.

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, AUG. 19, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You could find confusion and muddled thinking exists due to planetary reasons and this could be a nonproductive day unless you channel your energies in constructive outlets.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure your regular activities are wisely scheduled and then carry through in a sensible manner. Be logical.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Obtain important information for a project you are interested in before you go ahead with definite plans. Be wise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you handle routine duties in a modern manner, you gain benefits. Study a new plan before making any changes.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Don't neglect important work early in the day. Try to cooperate more with co-workers. Strive for harmony.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be sure you don't take on any heavy expenditures of money in the evening. Allow time to engage in creative activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Postpone going ahead with a new interest you have in mind. Wait until a better time. Evening is fine for recreation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve the foundation of your life so you can have more abundance in the days ahead. Get rid of annoying conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Iron out any problems with others in a quiet and tactful manner. Seek the company of congenials in the evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use careful thought in handling monetary affairs today. Use your intuitive faculties for best results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Use a different attitude in handling a puzzling situation and you get better results. Seek the company of friends tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You have hidden desires that need more study before you pursue them. Strive for increased happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some of your friends may have problems so be sure to give a helping hand. Show others you have practical wisdom.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who comprehends the problems of others and knows instinctively how to solve them. Be sure to give the best education you can afford to bring out this ability. A good life in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to consider what you can do to increase the world acclaim that could be yours. You can easily get the support of influential persons by displaying your special skills.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to engage in civic duties that can be beneficial to your career. Evening is fine for social activity.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new contact can now show you how to increase your effectiveness in your line of endeavor. Show that you have wisdom.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Find a way to make your relationship more satisfying with the one you love. Don't spend money foolishly.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) If you are more objective and discuss projects wisely, you can have increased success. Avoid any arguments.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Put aside amusements for the time being and attend to important duties. Take steps to improve your health and appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Plan the weekend wisely so that you are free of tensions. Spend more time with the one you love. Be happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time to improve the harmony at home and you will be richly rewarded later on. Use your artistic talents.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Employ the right systems and appliances that will make your work more efficient. Think constructively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study how to make your financial structure safer and sounder. A clever business expert can give you good advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A fine day to get together with good friends and have a delightful time. Don't neglect to pay an important bill.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Forget outside activities that are not important and get busy improving your surroundings. Strive for happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have problems that can be solved if you discuss them with friends. Show increase devotion to loved one.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be both imaginative and down-to-earth, and these qualities could lead to a most successful future. Permit the many talents here to develop properly. Give the right spiritual training that will mold this life.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

WORLD

Seychelles troops recapture national radio station from rebels

NAIROBI (R) — Seychelles troops Wednesday recaptured the national radio station where army rebels said they were holding more than 200 hostages, the government-run Seychelles News Agency announced.

In a brief telex despatch to Reuters, it said government forces had also captured an army base where a mutiny had taken place but gave no details about the hostages or any casualties.

Diplomatic sources contacted by telephone in the Indian Ocean archipelago said a member of the defence forces went on the air to announce the recapture of the radio station, which also houses the news agency.

The defence spokesman said some of the rebels had escaped with hostages and appealed to the population to report the whereabouts of any mutineers.

Mopping-up operations were continuing and a 24-hour curfew remained in force. The spokesman said that government troops had recaptured key installations in Victoria, the capital, the diplomatic sources reported.

The diplomatic sources

reported that Seychelles Defence Minister Ogilvy Berliou said earlier Wednesday that defence forces would storm the radio station.

There was some scattered shooting in the early hours, the sources said, but little was heard in the period before the government announced the recapture of the radio station.

The Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops of the Seychelles both made appeals for a peaceful solution in broadcasts over the rebel-held station earlier in the day, the sources said.

They quoted the Anglican bishop as appealing to the population to build "a wall of prayer" around the hostages, who were held for more than 36 hours.

The radio announced that President Albert Rene, who returned Tuesday night from an outlying island, would broadcast to the nation later in the day, the sources said.

The rebels, complaining of mistreatment and demanding the dismissal of some defence chiefs, had called on President Rene to return to hear their grievances.

The news agency said in a later telex message that "the mutiny by a small group of people" at the Union Vale army camp on the outskirts of Victoria had been crushed but a few rebels were still at large.

"Irresponsible soldiers imprisoned those at the Union Vale camp who were not with them during the night of Monday and Tuesday and took control of the port and of Radio Seychelles," the agency said.

It added that loyal forces had to act with care in retaking the radio station because of the hostages and because the rebels had threatened to blow up the port, its petrol installations and other key buildings.

The agency quoted a statement from defence headquarters as saying that government forces had retaken control of the port, the cable and wireless office, the central police station, Union Vale army camp and Radio Seychelles.

"The Peoples' Defence force expects the situation to return to normal with law and order re-established in a short while," the statement said.

Tanzanian reinforcements

Diplomatic sources outside the Seychelles said they had information that Tanzanian reinforcements had been flown to the Seychelles during the night to help to put down the rebellion.

Several hundred Tanzanian troops were already in the island chain under an agreement between President Rene's left-wing government and the Socialist leadership of Tanzania.

The sources said that in one broadcast Tuesday night the rebels appealed to other troops to rise up against "Tanzanian aggressors."

It was not known how many fresh Tanzanian troops were flown into the Seychelles, but it was apparent from rebel broadcasts that the mutineers knew of their arrival, the sources said.

Airline sources said Point Larue airport in the Seychelles remained closed and a Kenyan Airways flight there Thursday from Nairobi was cancelled.

Reagan says U.S. has not abandoned Taiwan

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States and China have taken steps to improve relations over Taiwan, but President Reagan has stressed that his administration has not abandoned the Taipei government.

Washington and Peking Tuesday issued a joint communique in which the United States agreed to reduce arms sales to Taiwan gradually in return for China's commitment to seek a peaceful reunification with the island.

But after congressmen and news reports attacked Mr. Reagan for changing his position on Taiwan, he telephoned a U.S. television network to stress the United States would uphold its "moral obligation" to Taiwan.

Mr. Reagan, who promised when he ran for office to stand by Taiwan which has long been a U.S. ally, told CBS news:

"There has been no retreat by me, no change whatsoever. I am concerned about the possible harm these reports may do to our international relations."

"We will continue to arm Taiwan and will obey the Taiwan act," Mr. Reagan said.

The White House confirmed that the president felt compelled to complain about the CBS coverage of his decision to limit arms sales to Taiwan.

The communique represented a major step in repairing U.S.-Chinese relations, which had deteriorated over Peking's objections to the weapons sales. China views Taiwan as a province and

considers the sales an interference in its internal affairs.

Although the Reagan administration yielded to some of China's pressures, it rejected Peking's demands for a deadline for the cutoff of arms sales and extracted a commitment that Peking would pursue peaceful efforts to reunite with Taiwan.

The president said arms sales now planned would continue in accordance with the Taiwan relations act passed in 1979 to regulate informal U.S.-Taiwanese ties.

Taiwan's reaction
[TAIPEI (R)] — A Taiwan newspaper Wednesday accused the United States of betraying the Nationalist government by succumbing to Peking's "blackmail" in Washington's decision gradually to end arms sales to this island.

The English-language China Post said: "The United States has fallen into the Chinese Communist trap... thereby giving the Peking leaders the perfect excuse to advance their blackmail demands."

It said President Reagan had gone back on his promise to the American and Taiwanese peoples, adding: "He has just succumbed to Peking's blackmail and betrayed his own words of reassurance."

An official Taiwan statement deploring the U.S. decision was issued Tuesday night after the U.S. announcement earlier in the day.

NEWS IN BRIEF

China's Islamic seminary reopens

PEKING (R) — China's only Islamic seminary has reopened in Peking after being closed since the beginning of the Maoist Cultural Revolution in 1966, the New China News Agency said Wednesday. Forty students have been accepted at the Institute of Islamic Theology, which first opened in 1955, it added. Lectures will begin next month. Last March, 10 Chinese students went to Al Azhar University in Cairo to study Islam, the first students to be sent abroad by the China Islamic Association since the Communist takeover in 1949, the agency said. The association had printed 160,000 copies of the Koran in the last two years for China's 13 million Muslims, it added. Since 1979 three groups of Chinese Muslims have made pilgrimage to Mecca, it said. China does not have diplomatic relations with Saudi Arabia.

Tremor hits southern Italy

ROME (R) — A strong earth tremor sent frightened residents scurrying into the streets early Wednesday morning in the southern Italian town of Taranto. Police said there were no reports of injuries or major damage to buildings. The quake, measuring approximately seven on the 12-point Mercalli scale which measures the effect of an earthquake rather than its strength, had its epicentre in the sea off the southern cape of Spaurivento, according to seismologists. In Uppsala, Sweden, the Seismological Institute reported an earthquake in the south-east Mediterranean off the island of Crete, registered at 2300 GMT Tuesday and measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale.

Reuter correspondent dies at 63

LONDON (R) — Ronald J. Batchelor, the most widely travelled of Reuter correspondents, died at his home in Sussex, England, Tuesday after a long illness. He was 63. Batchelor, who joined the world news organisation in 1948, served on all continents in his distinguished career as a Reuter correspondent and news executive. As well as his political and business reporting he was respected as a boxing correspondent, covering many of the world championship fights during the Muhammad Ali era. He covered the Korean War in 1950 and 1951 before moving to Cairo and then was in Nairobi for most of the Kenya emergency in the 1950s. Batchelor served two tours in North America, as general reporter based in New York and later as chief Reuter correspondent in Chicago. He is survived by his widow Jo.

Innocent robot jailed in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (R) — It was spotted Tuesday night walking along the exclusive Beverly Drive in Los Angeles with a slightly jerky stride, lights flashing from the top of its skull. A policeman was called to the scene and tried to question the 1.2 metres tall, unidentified walking object (UWO), but to no avail. The policeman promptly called a van and the suspect—a robot—was hauled off to Beverly Hills police station. "The device was being operated by remote control, but the operator refused to come forward and identify himself," a police sergeant said. "So the robot is spending the night in the station."

Parcel bomb kills exiled South African Communist in Mozambique

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Exiled South African Ruth First, killed by a parcel bomb in Maputo Tuesday, was regarded by many as the white woman who was the intellectual power behind the banned African National Congress (ANC).

She and her husband Joe Slovo, both hardline Marxists, were believed by security officials here to be key figures in planning sabotage attacks in South Africa.

Ruth First, 59, was one of the first people detained under South Africa's stringent security laws and in 1956 was arrested for high treason, although the charge was dropped two years later.

Later she was restricted to the

Johannesburg area under the Suppression of Communism act and two magazines she edited were banned.

Her subsequent detention in 1963 led her to write "117 days", a classic story of solitary confinement. She was allowed to leave South Africa the following year.

Mr. Slovo, a former Johannesburg advocate, was reported here to have organised guerrilla training camps in Mozambique for blacks who left South Africa. Ruth First was worshipped by many South African exiles who referred to her as "the high priestess of the South African Communist Party."

She was also a noted author and

won praise for her examination of apartheid in "The barrel of a gun."

At the time of her death, she was a lecturer at Maputo University in Mozambique.

There has been no official comment in South Africa on her death but reports about her were displayed prominently in all the major newspapers.

An official of the Mozambique security services was quoted as saying the parcel bomb attack resembled others in Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Zambia "which were proved to be the work of the South African Secret Services."

Angolan rebels to free foreign captives

BRUSSELS (R) — The Angolan opposition guerrilla movement (UNITA), will release 14 foreigners captured during military operations in southern Angola, a UNITA spokesman said here Wednesday.

Fernando Wilson dos Santos, UNITA's information secretary, told a press conference the decision was taken at a congress of the UNITA held at Mavinga, southern Angola, last month.

The detainees are an Argentine missionary, four Spaniards, three Brazilians, five Portuguese and Marie-Joseph Brunier, a Swiss nurse working for the International Committee of Red Cross captured during the attack.

Arab children maimed by Israeli bombings to receive treatment in U.S.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Children maimed in the fighting in Lebanon will be permitted to come to the United States for long-term treatment and rehabilitation, according to the U.S. State Department and an Arab-American spokesman.

James Zogby, executive director of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, said Aug. 17 he has received what he said were private assurances from the State Department that the children will be allowed to enter the United States.

And the State Department itself issued this statement:

"The U.S. is strongly committed to an early healing, to the broadest extent possible, of all the wounds of the current war in Lebanon. We look with great sympathy on all humanitarian efforts to assist the human casualties of the war. U.S. laws routinely permit foreign citizens to visit the U.S. for medical treatment, and we see no particular problems in issuing visas to eligible Lebanese children."

"I have been told by people in relative offices (at the U.S. State Department) that the children will be permitted to come," Zogby told reporters at the National Press Club. Zogby said

that visas would be needed for the children to enter the United States and the State Department "is in the process of fulfilling this request (for visas)."

He declined to name the department officials who had given the assurances. Zogby said his organisation had been working quietly to bring to the United States children who need artificial limbs, skin or bone grafts and long-term rehabilitation. And he said the committee had not planned to announce the programme publicly until final arrangements were completed.

However, Zogby said he felt compelled to call a press conference to explain the programme after news reports Aug. 16 quoted an Israeli official as branding the committee's programme as propaganda.

Zogby said an article in the New York Times and a wire service report both quoted Dr. Baruch Modan, director-general of the Israeli Health Ministry, as describing efforts by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee to transfer wounded children from Lebanon to the United States as "pure propaganda."

"We are very disturbed he decided to make such an issue," Zogby said. "It's a fight we didn't want to get in."

Zogby said his organisation has been in regular contact with physicians in west Beirut, and they described the medical conditions there as "desperate." "The country is not equipped to respond to long-term health care," he said.

Zogby said the committee has been working for four weeks with the American University Hospital in Beirut, the Lebanese Red Cross and Red Crescent and the Palestinian Red Crescent to bring the children to the United States.

He said arrangements have been made with Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline to transport the children to the United States, and fourteen hospitals in the United States have offered free facilities and services to the children. He said the committee, using donated funds, would provide funds for artificial limbs and rehabilitation, adding that "the Arab-American Community has responded with tremendous open hearts" to the appeal for funds.

Zogby also said that about 100 Arab-American families had inquired through his office about the possibility of adopting some of

the wounded children.

Zogby said that initially plans are to bring between 40 and 50 children who had been severely injured to the United States. He said initially the children would be taken to the Montessori Hospital in Pittsburgh for corrective surgery, skin grafts, bone grafts or fitting of artificial limbs. Then the children would be transferred to other hospitals for rehabilitation programmes.

Zogby said his organisation and the participating hospitals would be able to handle as many as 3,000 war victims.

"We are making a very long-term commitment," Zogby said of the committee's efforts.

Zogby said the plan to send the children to the United States originally was suggested by doctors at the American University Hospital in Beirut.

Zogby explained that Lebanese Medical facilities were able to provide only emergency services, and he said children who were maimed limbs were being sent back out on the streets shortly after surgery.

"If we do not respond," Zogby said, "there will be a generation of crippled young people growing up in Lebanon."

"We want to bring them here, we want to treat them, we have been asked by authorities in Lebanon to bring them here," Zogby said.

"We are confident we will succeed," he asserted. "The children are coming; there is no question. They are coming."

In another matter, Zogby told reporters he has received a favourable response from the U.S. State Department to requests for assistance to victims of the fighting in Lebanon and Lebanese and Palestinians living in the United States who have been affected by the fighting.

Zogby declined to release a text of the letter until it is released by the State Department, but he indicated that problems the State Department offered to help with included:

— Providing temporary work permits for Lebanese and Palestinian students whose funds have been cut off as a result of the fighting;

— Providing extension of the temporary status of Palestinians and Lebanese now residing in the United States.

THE WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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